

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	24
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	Child support collection agencies, prosecutors, sheriffs, clerks of court
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	No
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	12 years
	• Paternity Establishment	Age 18
	Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	None
8)	Guidelines	Income shares
9)	Interest Rates on	
	• Missed Payments	None
	• Retroactive Support	None
	• Adjudicated Arrearage	Law allows for 10% simple interest on money judgments. Applied in limited number of cases by direction of court.
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes, using all methods except Federal income tax offset in non-AFDC cases
11)	Distribution Scheme	

• AFDC Arrears	AFDC arrears satisfied before non-AFDC arrears
• Non-AFDC Arrears	Only after AFDC arrears satisfied.
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Provision for health insurance coverage included in all orders; if insurance available through employer, withholding order for insurance issued by court in conjunction with or separate from earnings withholding order
13) New Hire Reporting	Limited voluntary program in effect. Mandatory program effective 7/1/97.
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes. Cost of blood testing for adjudicated paternity.
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Section 6-103.1 and .2
17) Automated Locate Resources	MABS (employment data), Motor Vehicle Department, Public Assistance Records, Department of Correction, MILES, Credit Reporting Agencies, FPLS
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
• License Revocation/ Suspension	Not effective until 10/1/96 (Drivers license only)
• Administrative Liens	No
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment Benefits, Lottery, Worker's Compensation
• Other (please specify)	
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	Yes
• Modify	No

20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No
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B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	Effective 1/1/97: Annotated Code of Md. Family Law Article, Sec. 10-301 through 10-340
2) Effective Date	Not effective until 1/1/97
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Verbatim except for the following sections of the Model Act which were excluded: Section 201, Extended Personal Jurisdiction and Section 315, Non-Parentage as a Defense
4) Repeal URESA?	URESAs effective through 12/31/96; repealed effective 1/1/97
5) Repeal IWW?	No

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Earning withholding or wage liens
2) Income Withholding Procedures	Request received by ICR, forwarded to proper jurisdiction. Request for service of an out-of-state earnings withholding order must be filed with the Maryland court. Obligor is notified of the request and has right to contest before order is served on employer. Note: Maryland UIFSA, effective 1/1/97, will provide for direct service of out-of-state earnings withholding on employers. Procedures not yet finalized.
• State Withholding Limits	FCCPA limits apply
• Fee Charged by Employers	\$2.00 per withholding (voluntary)
• Date to Remit	10 days from date employee paid
• Penalty	Recipient or support enforcement agency may bring civil action against employer who is liable for damages equal to amount of withholding.
3) Definition of Employer	"Employer" means any person who is paying earnings to an obligor. "Employer" includes a governmental entity.
4) Included Income	Wages, unemployment benefits, workers' compensation, interest, railroad retirement, annuities, pensions. Social Security benefits,

	commissions, and any other regular periodic payments due the obligor.
5) Excluded Income	Income from means-tested public assistance programs
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No direct income withholding until 1/1/97.
7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	Same as above.
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	Same as above.
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	Same as above.
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	The obligor may contest the issuance of an earnings withholding order no later than 15 days after the court mails a copy of the withholding order to the obligor.
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes, up to 25% of underlying periodic obligation.
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Exceptions are made in cases where the court finds there is good cause to not require immediate earnings withholding or the court approves the terms of a written agreement between the parties providing for an alternate method of payment. In cases where the court does not order immediate withholding, withholding is implemented upon accrual of 30 days arrears.
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	First, the amounts for current support are deducted. If the total of the amounts for current support exceeds the maximum allowed by the FCCPA, the maximum allowed by the Act is deducted and prorated over the court orders. If the sum of the deductions for current support does not exceed the maximum allowable by law, the arrears, if any are deducted. If the totals of amounts for current support plus arrears exceed the maximum allowed by the FCCPA, the maximum allowed is deducted and prorated over the applicable orders.
• Priority	
• Assistance	

• Allocation	
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D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	Consent orders are attempted; issue of paternity can be tried on a URESA petition; court may adjourn case until testimony of mother can be obtained
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes
2) Uniform Parentage Act	No
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	No
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
Threshold	99%
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Yes- Rebuttable presumption
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Effective 10/1/95, Affidavit of Parentage must be signed before father's name can appear on birth certificate. Signed affidavit creates a rebuttable presumption of paternity in a paternity proceeding.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	No
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	Court may require mother to appear
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	In general, the personal testimony of the plaintiff in open court is necessary. In URESA proceedings, the General Testimony is accepted in court
13) Long-Arm Statute	Yes

14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	State Information Agent (410) 767-7682
• Service of Process	Local prosecutor
• Genetic Testing	Local prosecutor
15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes (if paternity is adjudicated)

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	Judicial process; send URESA petition with Transmittal FSA-200, ICR reviews package and forwards it to proper local court; court docket case, State's attorney contacts obligor and attempts to get a consent, if that fails, State's attorney prosecutes case
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	Parents' gross income from salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, dividend income, pension income, interest income, trust income, annuity income, Social Security benefits, workers' compensation benefits, unemployment benefits, disability insurance benefits, alimony or maintenance received, expense reimbursement or in-kind payments received by a parent in the course of employment, self-employment, or operation of a business to the extent the reimbursements or payments reduce the parent's personal living expenses. Income that may be considered includes severance pay, capital gains, gifts or prizes.
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	Second intact family; prior agreement between parties
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes, if for child other than child for whom support sought.

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Yes
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	State tax refund intercept, State Lottery intercept
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Earnings withholding, medical support withholding, contempt proceedings, liens on property/assets

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	State tax refund intercept, State Lottery intercept
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Earnings withholding, medical support withholding, contempt, liens on property/assets
6) UIFSA/URES A Registration and Enforcement Procedure	ICR receives URES A package and forwards to proper local court; petition for registration must indicate any unpaid support and a list of other states in which the support order is registered
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	Obligor is notified of registration and may contest; if obligor defaults, the court enters the order confirming the registered support order and determining the amount of unpaid support.
8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	No

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	
2) Modification Procedures	3 certified copies of URES A petition and document change in circumstance
3) Criteria for Modification	25% change in support obligated amount
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	1) If application of the guidelines would produce a 25% change in the support obligated amount 2) At the discretion of the court, upon a showing of a material change of circumstance
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Non-AFDC: Every 3 years at request of either party AFDC: Every 3 years
6) Criteria for Review	Non-AFDC: Either party has requested a review and it has been at least 36 months since the order was established, modified or last reviewed AFDC: It has been 36 months since the order was established, modified or last reviewed
7) Criteria for Adjustment	Application of the guidelines would produce at least a 25% change in the support obligated amount

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	UIFSA effective 1/1/97. Procedures have not yet been finalized.
2) Date of Controlling Order	Same as above
3) If No Controlling Order	Same as above
4) Arrears Procedure	Same as above

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each document	Certification required for each document *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal; Certificate and Order; Uniform Support Petition; General Testimony; Other state's laws; Paternity Affidavit; Additional documents requested: insurance policies, photos, birthday cards, child/s bank book	3	C
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal; copy of order	1	B
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal; Petition to Modify Order By Court or Uniform Support Petition; Certified Financial Statement; Copy of Maryland order; Other state's laws	3	C
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Judicial process only		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal; Uniform Support Petition or Petition to Register Foreign Order; Certified Arrears; Orders to Register (original and modified orders); Other state's laws	3	C
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders			
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	No		
Modification of Another State's Order	No		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Any appropriate document that clearly identifies case	1	B
Assistance/Discovery	Local prosecutor		
Quick Locate	FSA 206, Locate Data Sheet	1	B

*A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);

E= Certification not required

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Roselyn Ushry Director, Interstate Operations Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration Room 313 311 W. Saratoga Street Baltimore, MD 21201 410-767-7682 FAX 410-333-8992
Central Registry	State Information Agent
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	State Information Agent
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	None. Local child support agency.
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Local child support agency
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Local child support agency
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	
Service of Process (private process server? If so , list)	Local prosecutor
Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)	Local prosecutor
New Hire Reporting Contact	Donna Blankenship, Program Initiative Specialist

	<p>Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration</p> <p>Room 318</p> <p>311 W. Saratoga Street</p> <p>Baltimore, MD 21201</p> <p>410-767-7403</p> <p>FAX 410-333-8992</p>
Employer Assistance Contact	State Information Agent
<p>Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests</p> <p>(if any)</p>	None.
<p>Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests</p> <p>(if any)</p>	None.
Privatization Contact	<p>Shirley Larson, Executive Assistant</p> <p>Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration</p> <p>Room 324</p> <p>311 W. Saratoga Street</p> <p>Baltimore, MD 21201</p> <p>410-767-7375</p> <p>FAX 410-333-8992</p>